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Attachment to Box 11:

(1) Applicant added the limitation claiming only polyvinyl alcohol in independent claim 11, making dependent claims 19 and 20, which claim polyvinyl alcohol and cellulose ether, improper.

(2) Applicant broadened independent claim 26 by removing the limitation regarding the quantities Q' and Q and liquid and vapor phases.

(3) as discussed in the final office action of 11/24/09 and during the telephone interview of 3/1/09, independent claims 11 and 26 read on any polymer, any solvent and any non-solvent, while the showing is only for PVC, MEK and water, respectively. The showing of unexpected results are not, therefore, commensurate in scope of the claims. Applicant's arguments of 4/24/09 on the ratios of first and second dispersants on page 8 are convincing.